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Michael L. Davis
Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works)
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Washington, DC 20310-0130

Dear Mr. Davis:

On June 5, 1998, the Regional Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV requested that we elevate their concerns with the Louisville District's decision to issue a permit for a proposed coal mine expansion in Hopkins County, Kentucky, to the Department of the Army (Army) pursuant to the Section 404(q) Memorandum of Agreement. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we will not be requesting Army review of the permit decision. EPA Region IV staff have recently coordinated with the Louisville District and will be working to address the concerns that were the basis for the proposed elevation.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please call me or Mr. John Goodin, Acting Regulatory Branch Chief at (202) 260-9910.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Wayland III".

Robert H. Wayland III
Director
Office of Wetlands, Oceans
and Watersheds

cc: John Hankinson
EPA Region IV



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